Kirkland Transportation Commission Meeting Notes Wednesday September 26, 2012

Call to Order

Vice Chair Singhal called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. <u>Members Present</u>: Tom Pendergrass, Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, John Perlic, Tom Pendergrass, Mike Snow, Colin Pate. <u>Kirkland Staff Present</u>: Dave Godfrey, Public Works Department

Approval of meeting notes from June 27, 2012 meetings.

Approved as presented.

Public Comment

Dwight Baker; Thanked the Commission for tackling the issue of pedestrian safety. Later in the meeting Mr. Baker expanded on the issue, describing his nearly being hit by a car at 6th Street and 7th Avenue. He also expressed concern for the safety of people in electric wheelchairs and others who have limited mobility.

Lake Washington Boardwalk

Commissioner Neir explained the results of the subcommittee meetings and of meetings with the Chair of the Parking Advisory Board and with the City Manager. The main outcome of these meetings is that the boardwalk concept is positive but that it should not be brought forward at this time. The Commission decided to continue Boardwalk subcommittee of Commissioners Neir, Pendergrass, Singhal and Perlic. The subcommittee will develop more tangible products for the Commission to review in anticipation of a time when it is more appropriate to bring the concept forward, perhaps in 2014. The Commission also supported keeping the item on the Work Plan

Work Plan

Commission reviewed and made final edits to the proposed work plan.

NE 132nd Street Interchange

Commission reviewed a draft statement in support of the NE 132nd Street/I-405 interchange. The Commission was generally supportive of the statement, but expressed concerns about the residential land use surrounding the proposed interchange, improvements on NE 132nd that will be required to complement an interchange, requirements of an access study and the need to study local options. Staff will make changes and send a revised memo back to the Commission via email.

Pedestrian Safety

The Commission discussed an approach for studying pedestrian safety. Several ideas were mentioned and staff was asked to come back with recent safety data showing number of crashes and crash locations.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reported on the Cross Kirkland Corridor and LOS memo that is going to Council at a study session scheduled for November 20. **Pendergrass**: Reported on recent Juanita neighborhood meeting and comments around the two levies that are on the November ballot. **Wilson**: Assessing the walkability of neighborhoods, noted that many more people are walking dogs than walking to commercial establishments.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:27 p.m.